

Trenton January 2 1777

My dear Harry

I received yours by Mr. Turnage & am
very sorry it has not been ~~in~~ my power to give him
those accommodations which I shall ever wish to do to
your recommendations — but the best, I had enough to
~~do~~ we live very like soldiers here hardly very unlike
to what we have been used to — we don't complain but
think it a little unfair that those who are not in the
active part of this contest, should take so very little care
in the comfort of those who are struggling with the inclem-
encies of a Winter Campaign — The men are
much in want of shoes stockings & warm cloathing
Blankets — it is unpardonable in the States & Continental
that the providing these things have been protracted
to this period — another horrid mismanagement, the sick
and wounded till now have not been provided
with necessaries. it must be a discouragement to any
soldier to be sure if wounded that death is a certain
and inevitable consequence for want of proper
assistance — in short my dear Hal many very many
affairs want redress — ~~and~~ by way of comfort All
these difficulties are in a proper way to be satisfied — The
Congress are at last sensible that matters have got some right

The Congress

^{re Congress}
The same now present our worthy General ample powers to rectify

All abuses. Mr. Sumner will inform you of the particulars which you desire to know. — A England must exert herself or she will repent in dust & ashes. it is not the turning out for six weeks but it must be an army engaged ^{for} a considerable term of time & it will ever be the policy of the enemy to push us at the expiration of the men's term. — the fact enlisted men make an their minds to continue for a certain time and if it happens to be a little severe weather at the expiration of their enlistment not an exchange immediately from the throne of the Deity put them a change of hearts could or can possibly prevail on them to continue no not for a day. — [The Brigades one from Maryland & the other from Georgia deserted us both in one day even at the time the enemy were pursuing us & actually without one hour's march — is it possible to conceive of greater baseness of heart to desert their Country when almost struggling with the pangs of Death] — The New England troops have done themselves immortal honor in generally continuing for a certain space of time — [a great exertion of the human mind.] these brave lads will and are able to combat an equal number of troops of any nation. Our present views are great. — we are near some important event — it must be, & my God most earnestly & Sincere thee to favor them against the unjust claims of tyranny —

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It was to be sure a well concerted and well executed
affair. Remember the Officers I wrote you about

don't forget Mr. & Mrs. Tracy. There is just
a confounded hubbub about which I'm telling that
it is impossible for me to proceed.

I am my Dear Harry
Yours most affectionately
Henry

To
Colonel Henry Jackson
Boston

Mr. Turner

Letter from my
friend J. H. W.
Jan 22. 1779